GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4233
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2008
COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2010
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trees cut down to facilitate the preparation for the upcoming Commonwealth Games;

(b) whether the run-up to Commonwealth Games poses a threat to the Yamuna river-bed;

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to protect the Yamuna river-bed;

(d) whether a proposal for relocation of the games venue has been received by the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) Government of NCT of Delhi has permitted removal of 6,949 trees till 8.4.2008 for development of infrastructure in connection with the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) : Yes, Sir. Some Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) have requested for shifting of Games Village site, being constructed on farther side of the Yamuna River.

(f) The concerned NGOs have filed a writ petition in the High Court of Delhi, titled `Rajender Singh & Others Versus Government of NCT of Delhi & Others`. The Hon`ble Court has heard the arguments of both the parties, and the final decision has been kept reserved.